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Miss Baldwin reviewed the Washington report of the Committee on aid to new Commissions, which included the following suggestions:

1. Printing in convenient pamphlet form the model commission law recommended at the Bretton Woods meeting of the League.

2. Making a collection of charts showing the growth of the work in various states, and of pictures of traveling libraries, book wagons, etc.

3. Compilation of handbook giving information most likely to be of use in a campaign to arouse interest in commission work.

4. The appointment of a committee, of which the president of the League shall be chairman, to keep in touch with conditions in the states which are endeavoring to secure commissions and to offer such advice and assistance as may be possible.

After a discussion of the subject the following motion was made; That the recommendations of the committee be accepted except the one making the president chairman of the permanent committee. After further discussion of the immediate needs, the additional motion was passed; That the model law, with additional material be printed at once, if it can be gotten ready in time for use this year.

The question, "How can the character of a book be conveyed to patrons and custodians of traveling libraries?" called forth the following suggestions:

Miss Stearns, of Minnesota, stated that they had tried pasting annotations on the doors of the traveling library boxes, and had also used bookmarks. Miss Rawson of Kentucky said that they had pasted slips in the front of books. Mr. Dudgeon thought that there might be co-operation in preparing the annotations to be used by the different commissions. Mr. Wright of Kansas City told of a plan he had seen used by a county library in California of pasting the paper book covers on a poster which could be hung in a conspicuous place. Mr. Dudgeon said, that in Wisconsin they were now trying the plan of past-

ing annotations on the outside of the front cover of the books in three of five libraries of a group that there might be some basis for ascertaining results. Miss Stearns suggested the sending of annotations to the newspaper in the place to which a traveling library was going. Miss Templeton said this had been done in one case but without knowledge of results.

On motion of Miss Baldwin the Secretary was instructed to extend to the Chicago Library Club the appreciation of the League for the entertainment afforded them. Carried. Adjourned sine die.

JULIA A. ROBINSON,  
Secretary.

#### WRITINGS ON AMERICAN HISTORY

The importance to libraries of the work here considered has led us to depart from our practice of including in the Bulletin only matter officially related to the American Library Association or affiliated bodies.—EDITOR.

An important work for all students and readers of American history is *Writings on American History*. This is an annual bibliography, attempting, and practically succeeding in the attempt to compile all of the books and articles relating to the United States and British North America that have appeared during the calendar year.

The bibliography is prepared by Miss Grace Gardner Griffin in the Library of Congress with all the bibliographical facilities of that institution to assist her. The American Historical Association stands sponsor for the work.

The expense of preparing the material is provided for through the liberality of certain historical societies and individuals. The printing of the *Writings* was undertaken one year by the Carnegie Institution, and for three years by the Macmillan Company. When there did not seem to be sufficient response to warrant its publication by a commercial firm, rather than see this important bibliography discontinued, the American Historical Association printed it as a part of its annual reports. This was not merely a drain upon the finances of the Association, it presented the material in an inconvenient form. To relieve the situation the Yale University Press, with

commendable public spirit, agreed to be responsible for its publication. It is not hoped nor expected that the work will be a commercial success, but the Yale University Press is willing to continue its generous work provided there is a sufficient demand throughout the country to warrant the continuance of the expense incurred. So far the response has been surprisingly small, and it is to be hoped that the libraries of the country will enable the present arrangement to continue by purchasing copies of the bibliography.

The last volume issued, *Writings on American History 1912*, is supplied to members of the American Historical Association at \$1 each, and to non-members at \$2 each (postage 10 cents additional), and may be obtained directly from the Yale University Press, New Haven, Connecticut. The copy for 1913 is now in press.

The earlier numbers of the *Writings*, for the years 1906-1911, can be obtained from the Secretary of the American Historical Association, Washington, D. C.

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American Naturalist, vol. 13, nos. 1 & 4, January and April, 1879.

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U. S. Department of Agriculture. Year-book, 1901, 1902, 1909, 1910.

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**Piedmont College Library, Demorest, Ga.**  
Atlantic, vol. 43.

Harper, vols. 22, 24, 28, 112-115, 119.

Living Age, vols. 200, 203, 206, 207, 209, 223, 226, 228-279.

Review of Reviews, vols. 1-3, 21, 28, 35. Scribner, vol. 39.

Survey, vols. 1-22, 24, 26.

World's Work, vols. 1-3, 6-8, 15.

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**H. W. Wilson Co., White Plains, N. Y.**

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U. S. Catalog of Public Documents, November, 1913.

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